

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 14, lines 24-28, please replace the paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

al In other embodiments of the anode of the present invention, it may be desirable to deposit onto the fourth layer one or more other layers which further contribute to the stabilization of the lithium anode, as described in co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/721,578 entitled "Lithium Anodes for Electrochemical Cells" to Skotheim *et al.* of the common assignee, filed on even day herewith

(Please delete the current Abstract and replace with the following:)

az Provided are lithium anodes for use in electrochemical cells, where the anode active layer has a first layer comprising lithium metal and a second layer of a temporary protective material, wherein the temporary protective material is a metal capable of forming an alloy with lithium metal or is capable of diffusing into lithium metal. The present invention also pertains to ~~methods of forming such anodes, electrochemical cells comprising such anodes, and methods of making such cells.~~